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Inventor(s): Delenstarr

Serial No.: 09/398,399

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Title: ARRAYS COMPRISING BACKGROUND FEATURES THAT PROVIDE FOR A MEASURE OF
NON-SPECIFIC BINDING AND METHODS FOR USING THE SAME

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	Group Art	1634
	Title	Arrays Comprising Background Features that Provide for a Measure of Non-Specific Binding and Methods for Using the Same

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Further to the amendments submitted in the Applicant's response of January 6, 2004, please enter the following amendments: